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RIFT WIDENS

THE rift between the Anglo-Americans and Russians has created a complete deadlock even at the farcical San Francisco Conference, which is nothing but an Anglo-American manoeuvre to build up an anti-Russian bloc. The disputes over Poland, Austria and the Balkan States are also the result of Anglo-American attempts to build a cordon sanitaire around Russia and Russia's counter-moves to strengthen her power and influence in Europe.

In the actual fight for power and influence in Europe, Russia has been and is easily scoring success after success. Russia's insistence on the right of veto for the Big Five over even discussion of disputes is clearly a move to break the Anglo-American conspiracy to organise little and middle powers against Russia. So serious is the rift between Russia and the Anglo-Americans that political commentators at San Francisco express the view that Russia may even abandon the Conference.

The attitude of the Russians and the Anglo-Americans to the crisis in the Middle East is diametrically opposite. General De Gaulle accuses the British of inciting the anti-French revolution and at the same time asserts that Russia is clearly on the French side. President Truman has already declared that he totally approves the British policy and action in the Middle East. Thus it is clear that in the Middle East also, as in Europe, the Anglo-Americans and Russians are diametrically opposed. In fact it is clear that British and American policy in the Middle East has as its motive force Anglo-American fear of Russia's power and influence, same as in Europe.

American fears of Russia were most clearly expressed recently in Representative Claire Booth Luce's warning that Russia has plans to absorb India and other parts of Asia into the Soviet Union. The British are equally and even more nervous about Russia. Russia too is fully aware of Anglo-American suspicion and distrust as well as all Anglo-American efforts to crush Russian power and influence in parts of Europe and Asia. The Russian paper Izvestia bitterly criticises Anglo-American manoeuvres in Chungking.

While in Trieste, Austria and other parts of Europe, Russian and Anglo-American armies are poised to start another war any moment. General De Gaulle's statement that Britain is behind the military crisis in the Middle East and his talk of bloodshed between the Allies and the bitter controversies and mutual accusation between Russia and the Anglo-Americans are alarming indications. There can be no world peace so long as Britain and America continue to exist as they are. The Anglo-Americans have plunged the whole world into war and only the destruction of Britain and America will ensure world peace.

Chiang's Reforms Not Significant, Says "Izvestia"

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Chungking More Interested In Check Communists Than To Bring About Unity

Zurich, June 3 (Domei)—The influential Soviet organ "Izvestia," commenting on the recent Kuomintang Congress in Chungking, today strongly accused the Chungking Kuomintang Party of "trying to retain dictatorship," according to a Moscow dispatch.

The "Izvestia" ridiculed the efforts of the Chungking Kuomintang to convoke a national assembly for the purpose of adopting a "democratic" Constitution, declaring that the drafting of the Constitution remains a "monopoly of the Kuomintang."

Kuomintang leadership, it said, already has secured an overwhelming majority in the national assembly by "hand-picking" delegates and securing only those who it favours.

This policy, which is liable to provoke civil war, has shown itself especially in the attitude of Kuomintang members toward the Yenan Communists and other parties, it stated, charging that the Kuomintang was composed of "reactionaries."

Although Kuomintang papers are seeking to give the impression that the Kuomintang is leading the way toward the democratization of China, the undeniable fact remains that leading posts in the army are held by Kuomintang leaders and the government consists entirely of Kuomintang members, the journal declared.

"These reforms are actually of no significance at all," the "Izvestia" said.

The journal added that Chungking Kuomintang elements continue to be more interested in checking Communist influence than in bringing about national unity.

"Pravda" Hits Out At French "Reactionaries"

Zurich, June 4 (Domei)—Throwing its support behind French Leftist elements, the "Pravda", official mouthpiece of the Communist Party, today charged Edouard Daladier, Paul Reynaud and other former pro-Anglo-American Ministers who held portfolios at the time of the French collapse as being "reactionaries", according to a Moscow dispatch.

The journal said that these former French political leaders who have returned to French politics after being freed from German captivity were striving to thwart the true will of the French masses, as expressed in the recent French municipal elections in which Leftist elements made a strong showing.

OVER 60,000 CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON FOE FORCES IN BIG OKINAWA BATTLES

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U.S. Newspaper Columnist Terms Campaign As Complete "Fiasco"

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Tokyo, June 4 (Domei)—Enemy invasion forces on Okinawa Main Island who on May 31 advanced to Inabushi, three kilometres south of Yonabaru, have shifted since June 1 their focal point of attack from the eastern coastal area to the central salient connecting Naha and Shuri. Under cover of bombardment from the air and ships, enemy troops are pushing forward with the object of breaking through strongly fortified Nippon positions centering around Naha and Shuri and infiltrating through the Nippon main defence line in the face of daring Nippon counter-attacks.

As of June 1 defenders and invaders have been pitted against each other in an arc-shaped battleline extending from the southern side of Naha and Shuri to Inabushi. Nippon defenders of Okinawa Island in the face of the enemy's terrific onslaughts from land, sea and air have inflicted casualties exceeding 60,000 since the enemy landed on that island. The enemy is admitting the fierceness of the Nippon defence of Okinawa as several times greater than the Iwoojima battle which has been characterized as the "hell" of the Pacific.

Meanwhile, the Nippon air force, especially the special attack corps, are further intensifying their onslaughts against enemy surface craft and airfields with resultant heavy damage to the enemy.

Lisbon, June 4 (Domei)—David Lawrence, well-known American Washington columnist, writing in the conservative "New York Sun," today termed the American campaign against Okinawa as being a "fiasco" and an example of military incompetence worse than Pearl Harbour, according to a New York dispatch.

The true story of the blundering American campaign is beginning to leak out of official censorship in the figures of American casualties, Lawrence said, declaring that "these, of course, could not be suppressed."

These figures "show that Okinawa, while a victory in the sense that we have obtained our objective finally, is the worst setback we have suffered in the Pacific," he declared.

The Washington columnist called for a board of disinterested officers to investigate the cause for the heavy losses sustained by the American armed forces.

Britain Sternly Warned Against Branding Grand Mufti As War Criminal

Lisbon, June 3 (Domei)—The Indian journal "Dawn," published by Mohamed Ali Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, today warned Britain and France against harming Haji Amir El Hussein, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who was captured in Southern Germany by French troops, according to a New Delhi dispatch.

The Grand Mufti was seized when he was refused asylum in Switzerland, and unconfirmed reports last week said that he had been turned over to the British military authorities.

The journal said, "The British Government must realize that the blood of martyrs is not cheap, and if they desire to prevent the holocaust for which the Middle East has been preparing, they must immediately secure the release of the Grand Mufti from French hands."

To brand the Grand Mufti as a war criminal or as a traitor would be the most costly mistake Britain could commit in her relations with the Muslim world, the paper said, adding that any further "insult or injury to him on the part of the British will explode the Muslim world."

Special Air Attack Corps Goes Into Action Against Foe Ships Off Okinawa

Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, June 4 (Domei)—Nippon airmen of the Special Attack Corps, braving inclement weather prevailing over the Okinawa waters yesterday, carried out devastating body-crashing assaults against enemy surface units for two hours from 9 a.m. on Sunday. Radio messages from the death-defying airmen reporting "Now charging enemy warcraft" were successively received at this base during Sunday morning.

However, except for one enemy warcraft of unidentified category which was confirmedly hit and set ablaze by one of our Special Attack airmen, other war results achieved by the Special Attack air unit in this operation remained unconfirmed due to extremely poor visibility resulting from the inclement weather prevailing over the entire battle area.

In addition to this body-crashing attack operation, at least one Special Attack aircraft is known to have successfully rammed one enemy warcraft, possibly an aircraft-carrier, during the day.

Power Politics Held Responsible For Syria Crisis

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Britain Set To Establish Sway In Middle East To Safeguard Empire

Tokyo, June 5 (Domei)—Commenting on the current Levant situation, the Asahi Shimbun today declared the big nations showed typical power politics to settle the issue at the sacrifice of smaller nations. It said the situation in Levant reached a critical stage when an open armed clash broke out between French troops stationed in Syria and Syrian forces. Britain thereupon intimated positive interference and at one time an armed conflict between Britain and France seemed imminent, but owing to the French Government's submission the situation took a sudden change for a compromise settlement.

The journal then pointed out that Western Asia is considered the zone of defence of the British Empire. Such being the case it is only natural that Syria, which is the terminus for pipelines from Iraq oilfields, should play an increasingly important role for Britain.

On the other hand, the paper asserted, it is indispensable for Britain that she maintain military influence in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon in order to safeguard against Soviet influence which is looming menacingly big in Iran.

Meanwhile, it continued, the United States has invested enormous capital and sent its technicians into this region during the war and still has troops stationed in Iran. And, since she has a covetous eye on this region as a market where she can carry on future dollar capitalism, she demanded France to be prudent although the United States State Department claimed she was not mediating in the affair, the Asahi said.

'Frisco Confab Deadlock On Veto Right Question

Lisbon, June 4 (Domei)—The open deadlock at the San Francisco Conference has now spread to other controversial issues besides the dispute over the big powers' veto right, Stanley Burch, Reuter correspondent, reported today in a dispatch from San Francisco.

Intensive discussions between the Russian and other delegates, over the week-end have made little, if any, progress, he said, towards the settlement on which the Conference depends.

The medium-sized and small powers were reported to be taking an obstinate stand on the veto question, which has been the stumbling block at the Conference.

French Military Action In Syria Denounced

Zurich, June 4 (Domei)—Sukri Kouatly, Syrian President, today demanded the trial of General Etienne Beynet, French Delegate-General in Levant, and General Oliva Roget, Commander of the French Forces in Syria, on the same basis as war criminals, as reports said that Roget had been deprived of his post.

Middle East dispatches said that a strongly-worded joint statement today was issued by the Lebanese Premier and the Acting Syrian Premier, accusing France of using American Lend-Lease supplies in the recent fighting in Syria.

Although tension was said to be lessening in the Levant States, reports from Damascus said that the movement of French troops and vehicles to designated areas continues, while French civilians are still being evacuated.

Meantime, the conference of the Arab League Council formally got underway tonight in Cairo. All of the Arab representatives present were reported to have strongly denounced the French military action in Syria.

In a message of welcome to the delegates, King Farouk of Egypt declared, "Let us work hand-in-hand for the realization of complete sovereignty and full independence for Syria and Lebanon as well as for the maintenance of peace and security of both countries.

Special Attack Boats Sink Foe Landing Craft

Zurich, June 4 (Domei)—The United States Navy Department today described how two explosive-laden Nipponese boats rammed and sank a United States support landing craft which was screening the American task force in the Philippines, according to a Washington dispatch.

The Navy report said Nippon explosive-laden boats struck the landing craft at night and the latter burst into flames and sank almost instantly. Twenty-four officers and men were lost.

Citations Granted To Nippon War Heroes

Tokyo, June 4 (Domei)—The War Ministry announced today that a report has been submitted to the Throne on citations granted to Sub-Lieut. Miosaburo Yamamoto and First Class Private Isao Sannose who rendered distinguished services by carrying out a body-crashing attack against enemy B-29's over Northern Kyushu and as a member of a storming unit east of Manila respectively.

Nippon Consul Arrives In Moscow En Route Home

Moscow, June 4 (Domei)—Kozo Okuyama, Nippon Consul in Vienna, together with his family and a consular official as well as a member of the Manchoukuo Legation in Berlin, arrived here on June 2 and departed for Tokyo the following morning.

882 More Foe Casualties In Philippine Battle

Lisbon, June 4 (Domei)—American General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters yesterday revealed that 882 more casualties, including 225 killed, were sustained by the American forces in the Philippines during the past week, according to an American dispatch.

Kuomintang Aims At Dictatorship Through American Money & Arms; Yenan Leader Accuses Chungking

Tokyo, June 4 (Domei)—Chungking's recent high pressure attitude towards the Yenan regime is based on the American assurance of military assistance to the Chungking regime, according to an Asahi dispatch from Shanghai. Excerpts of the dispatch are as follows:

The United States decided this Spring that American assistance to China will be confined to the Chungking regime only, and no military assistance will be given to any other armed organization—meaning the Yenan regime. That Chungking is using this assurance as a powerful background for its policy towards the Yenan regime can be clearly seen from the fact that Chiang Kai-shek has refused, in very strong words, Yenan's demands and promised to strive for the adoption of a constitutional government as pledged.

Furthermore, the adoption of a resolution for the institution of a constitutional government by the sixth Kuomintang National Congress, held at the very time the San Francisco Conference was in session, may be interpreted as having been prompted by the regard for the Anglo-Americans, especially the United States, which has insisted on the democratization of the Chungking government.

Chiang's statement that, in order to bring about as early as possible a democratic government based on the Kuomintang's Constitutional program, a People's National Convention will be called, notwithstanding all obstacles in the way, is nothing more than a manifestation of Chungking's high pressure attitude towards the Yenan regime, now that the Chungking regime has obtained this pledge of assistance from the United States.

However, being a realistic politician, Chiang cleverly made the sixth Kuomintang National Congress adopt a resolution calling for the maintenance of friendly relations with the Soviet Union and also a solution of Chungking-Yenan relations by political negotiations.

This resolution was skilfully intended as a precautionary measure against the Soviet Union's post-war aggressive independent foreign policy, and also to quiet down opposition within the Chungking regime against American encroachment of the China Continent as well as neutralize, as much as possible, Yenan's offensive by applying international pressure.

On the other hand, Mao Tse-tung of the Yenan regime, in a speech before the Seventh Communist National Congress, vehemently denounced the Chungking regime for deciding to call a People's National Congress with the object of adopting a constitutional government.

He said that the convocation of a People's National Congress by the Kuomintang Party is a dangerous act which entirely ignores the basic demands of the Chinese masses, that the "constitution" which is to be adopted by that Congress is a "deception," that the Kuomintang Party thereby seeks to legally reinforce its one-party dictatorship, and that the Chungking regime is pushing forward its sinister preparations for maintaining the Kuomintang's dictatorship as well as for taking advantage of continental operations by the United States forces.

Mass Rally For Further Bolstering War Effort

Syonan, June 5 (Domei)—A public mass rally sponsored by the Hodo-bu to be held at the Telok Kurau Boys' School at 7 p.m. today will pass resolutions re-affirming the determination of the people of Syonan to concentrate their fullest efforts for the ensurement of final victory.

Speeches will be delivered by Tuan Ibrahim and Che' Norai'ni representing the Malai community and Roy Ferroa on behalf of the Eurasian Welfare Association.

London Islamic Society Condemns French Action

Lisbon, June 4 (Domei)—The Islamic Society meeting in London on Sunday afternoon passed a resolution condemning the French bombing and shelling of the "holy city of Damascus", and warning France that "Muslims all over the world will take legitimate action to help their compatriots in Syria and Lebanon in their fight for freedom," according to a Reuter report.

Italians Ask Permission To Evacuate Fiume Area

Zurich, June 2 (Domei)—Reflecting the tension prevailing in Fiume, a Trieste dispatch today reported that thousands of Italians in Fiume are asking Yugoslav authorities for permission to move to areas west of the Isonzo River.

Firm Measures Against Anti-French Uprising

Zurich, June 2 (Domei)—Although conditions in the Levant States are gradually returning to normal, British military authorities in Damascus today were reported to be taking firm measures against the continuance of anti-French demonstrations in the Syrian capital. A curfew was said to have been imposed in Damascus in order to prevent further disturbances.

Syonan & Penang Share Honours In Soccer Match

Penang, June 1 (Domei)—Although two goals behind at the interval, Penang managed to reply twice in the second half to share honours with Syonan in their retrun soccer match played before a record crowd on the Hoso Kyoku ground yesterday, the score being two-all. Syonan attacked more but wasted numerous chances, while Penang was lucky to convert a penalty.

During "extra time", both teams rallied strongly but failed to score and the cup presented by the Oversea-Chinese Association was given away to Syonan by Chairman Heah Joo-seang.

The tourists were feted by the Penang Oversea-Chinese Association at Boston Cafe last night, while this afternoon a tea-party was given by the Penang Shimbun in their honour at the Kuan Lok Restaurant.

Winston Churchill Attacks Socialism In Election Speech

Lisbon, June 4 (Domei)—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a broadcast this evening marking the opening of the British election campaign, bitterly attacked Socialism, describing it as "abhorrent to British ideas of freedom and inseparably interwoven with Totalitarianism," according to a London dispatch.

"No Socialist government conducting the entire life and industry of a country could afford to allow free, sharp or violently-worded expressions of public discontent," he said. "They would have to fall back on some form of Gestapo."

Declaring that Socialism hungers for controls of every kind, Churchill declared that under Socialism the State "is to be the arch employer, arch planner, arch administrator and ruler and arch caucus boss."

"A free Parliament is odious of Socialistic doctrinaire," Churchill said.

The British Prime Minister accused the Liberal Party of yielding to the temptation to gain more Parliamentary seats and of deserting the coalition government when they should have remained with the government at least until the end of the war.

Hungry Frenchmen Stage Big Demonstration March

Lisbon, June 3 (Domei)—Manifesting their grievances over the existing high cost of living, shortages of food and clothing, and the rampancy of black-market, approximately 30,000 former French prisoners-of-war and deportees, who recently returned to their homes, yesterday conducted a demonstration march through the streets of Paris, according to a Paris message.

The demonstrators demanded an interview with a representative of the de Gaulle Government and strongly urged the Government to swiftly take measures to alleviate France's economic distress.

Sotaro Ishiwata Assumes Imperial Household Post

Tokyo, June 4 (Domei)—The Imperial Household Ministry announced this afternoon that Sotaro Ishiwata former Finance Minister, has been appointed Minister of the Imperial Household, succeeding Tsuneo Matsudaira who has resigned. Ishiwata was formally installed in his new office at an investiture held in the Imperial Palace this afternoon, according to the announcement.

Iranian Government Under Hakimi Resigns

Zurich, June 4 (Domei)—The Iranian Government headed by Premier Dr. Ebrahim Hakimi today resigned apparently as the result of complications arising from the failure of "Big Three" powers to swiftly comply with the Government's demand for the withdrawal of their troops from Iranian soil, according to a Teheran dispatch.

"Shimbun Fortnightly" Fills Long Felt Want

"To Elucidate, Educate, Entertain" as its objective, the first number of the Syonan Shimbun Fortnightly which is out today at $2 a copy, is a welcome and interesting publication.

Illustrated with pictures, the magazine contains varied features of interesting nature such as Syonan Vignettes, Personalities, Of Interest to Women, Warriors—Occidental and Oriental, Kamikaze (Poem), Our Neighbours, A Readers' Forum, Last But Not Least (a short story), in addition to a special feature styled as Errata in which "Momiji" discusses in commentary form the trend of enemy propaganda, and what are the real facts, as plainly and as frankly as possible.

As the Editor rightly points out, "the magazine will serve as the medium for fostering brotherhood and co-operation among the people of Malai, and at the same time contribute to greater goodwill and understanding." The magazine also aims at promoting culture and encouraging literary talent, and providing guidance to the people of Malai.

The magazine is certainly fulfilling a longfelt want and it will find ready support with the local public.

37,925 U.S. Casualties On Okinawa In Twelve Days

Lisbon, June 2 (Domei)—A Washington dispatch today reported that a total of 37,925 American armed personnel were killed, wounded or missing in the Okinawa sector during the period from March 18 to May 29.

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